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§21-1004.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle that is stopped or parked on a two-way roadway shall be stopped or parked parallel to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, with its right hand wheels within 12 inches of that curb or edge of the roadway.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by local ordinance, a vehicle that is stopped or parked on a one-way roadway shall be stopped or parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with:

(1) Its right hand wheels within 12 inches of the right hand curb or edge of the roadway; or

(2) Its left hand wheels within 12 inches of the left hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(c) The State Highway Administration or any local authority may permit angle parking on the roadway of any highway in its jurisdiction, if the roadway has been determined to be wide enough to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.

(d) The State Highway Administration or any local authority may place signs that prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any highway in its jurisdiction where to stop, stand, or park would:

(1) Endanger those using the highway; or

(2) Interfere unduly with the free movement of traffic on the highway.

(e) (1) A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any private property not owned by the owner or driver of the vehicle unless the person has express or implied permission from the property owner, his tenant, or his agent to stop, stand, or park the vehicle, as the case may be.

(2) In Baltimore City or in any county, upon the request of the owner, his agent, or his tenant, a police officer may issue a citation for a violation of the provisions of this subsection.

(f) As of October 1, 2010, any sign that designates a parking space or zone for the use of individuals with disabilities shall clearly state the maximum amount of the fine to which a person is subject for parking a vehicle in the parking space or zone in violation of § 21-1003(u) of this subtitle.

(g) (1) (i) In this subsection, “an inoperable or disabled vehicle” means a vehicle that is visibly unable to function or move or that, though able to operate or move, poses a severe safety hazard.

(ii) “An inoperable or disabled vehicle” includes:

1. A vehicle that is missing a wheel or wheels;
2. A vehicle that has a severely underinflated or flat tire or tires; and
3. A vehicle with a severely damaged windshield.

(2) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a person may not leave an inoperable or disabled vehicle continuously parked in the same location on a highway for more than 7 days.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply to a vehicle that has been immobilized by a local governmental entity or an agent of a local governmental entity.

(4) A person who violates paragraph (3) of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

(5) (i) A vehicle that is left in violation of paragraph (3) of this subsection may be towed only if notice of the intent to tow the vehicle is posted prominently on the vehicle at least 72 hours in advance.

(ii) The notice of the intent to tow an inoperable or disabled vehicle shall include:

1. The address and telephone number of the facility where the vehicle will be impounded; and
2. Contact information where the owner of the vehicle may direct questions regarding the notice of the intent to tow.

(6) If a vehicle is taken into custody under this section, a police department shall follow the same notice requirements as those for abandoned vehicles under § 25–204 of this article.

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